



Minutes of the WWC Meeting held in the Hotel Novarello, Italy on 1st September 2025

Present:

Candido Moz	CM	WWSC Chair
Dana Garcia	DG	Pan Am WSC President
Larry Gisler	LG	Pan Am Delegate
Segio Font	SF	Pan Am Delegate
Bruce Coburn	BC	AAO WSC President
Glen Williams	GW	AAO Delegate
Nigel Talamo	NT	AAO Delegate
Gavin Kelly	GK	E&A Delegate
Dimos Alexopoulos	DA	E&A Delegate
Martin Kolman	MK	Athletes Representative
Jose Antonio Perez Priego	JA	IWWF President
P.J. Lagae	PJL	Guest

1. CM apologised for the lack of a preprepared agenda, but he had been preoccupied with the Championships. However, all were asked to input items for discussion.

2. World Championships

The Council congratulated CM and the Italian Federation on the very successful organisation and running of the Championships.

The competition workout and judges' feedback have been discussed and will be revisited upon receipt of the Chief Judge's report.

3. Approval of new jump switch.

A French company has submitted a new switch for approval. Been assessed since the start of this season. The Tech Committee have submitted a report and recommended approval following testing. Report circulated and the switch was approved

4. Officials Travel Expenses

GK reported that the EB had discussed this subject and had agreed to reimburse flight costs at 75% at the time of booking and not after the event. So individual event budgets would no longer apply. This would allow officials to book early cheaper flights. The aim as circumstances allowed would be to reimburse 100%.

5. New Boat Contract

CM reported that he had made his dissatisfaction with the bid process known to the EB as the stakeholders had not been consulted. He reported that this had been acknowledged and a different approach would be taken in future.

6. World Games

JA said that the World Games had been very successful for the disciplines represented including two Wakeboarders lighting the event flame in an impressive opening ceremony.

Waterski was not there for two main reasons. The lake wasn't ideal for classic Waterski events. The proximity to the Open Worlds meant that it was unlikely the top athletes would go. No decisions about participation in the next World Games in Germany had been made at this time.

7. PanAm Issues Raised

- a) Storage of Bob Corsons Database. CM will work on it.
- b) EMS Ranking List live but some functionality still evolving. Specific RL for a date can be provided on request. After 30 days results will not be accepted.
- c) Wild Cards – We need to make a conscious decision 6 months as stated in the Rulebook. Organisers can ask not to use WC's. Decisions need to be taken at end September for U17 Championships in Argentina. 43 WC's used in Open Champs, 30 for Slalom. Adds hours but also generates revenue for Organisers. Could include Familiarisation costs in Entry Fee.
- d) Need to revise LAO at World level to ensure Waterski requirements are reflected.
- e) Driver's conflict of interests. All Drivers have conflicts. We have good tech to monitor and measure. Need to think about this issue and have another discussion. Maybe something different for World Championships.
- f) Positive Buoy deviation. A plus deviation is not necessarily a benefit to the skier. Difficult to find a solution but needs to be discussed further.
- g) Jump Skiers would like to see Surepath Data. Candido suggested that data could be given after the event. Can ask the Technical Committee for recommendations. Skier cannot ask for a hydrogate setting change.
- h) Jump Re-ride Chart – needs updating.
- i) Course buoy colours. Orange/Red to be allowed to improve visibility on water. Soft buoys for safety reasons
- j) Representation on EB should be improved for Waterski. Maybe two on EB from Waterski. Candido will request 2 with one no voting.
- k) Seeding for finals with ties. Martin will get feedback from skiers to determine the most favoured option.
- l) Video of Nick Parsons 2@10. For training purposes. Slack line rule.
- m) 35+ WC's Unlimited for 65+. Can we make it 70+. Discussed but no change agreed.
- n) To show up in age cat ranking list must ski in the age cat events. CM said too complicated to consider changing.
- o) Gate cameras fps? 4k cameras degraded to analogue. 25 frames per second max in Splash gates. Explore possibility with Donal to upgrade capture card and related software.

8. Surepath

LG said that Surepath Driver name not always removed from one comp to another. CM had already discussed with Drivers Committee who said they only use logged data. Need to ask that driver's login should be disconnected and reset.

9. 2026 World U17 Championships

In U17 in Argentina ramp is close to shore. CM said there is no rule but an old recommendation of 40 metres. MK has given advice to the site. Waterski council concerned about safety of the skier in one direction.

10. Trick Committee Proposals

SF shared the Trick Committee proposal for new trick points. Candido said need to see points and rule change proposals together. Points proposals circulated for consideration. Trick Committee expected to submit proposed rule changes within 90 days.

SF said that some flips under valued. Committee had worked together to reach final recommendations. They think proposals will make more entertaining events. Timing of implementation discussed taking into account skiing seasons around the world. Timing to anticipate next World Championships. Aim to be ready ready by October and publish changes by

December with one year implementation – December 2026. This would allow skiers and coaches to consider the implications of the changes on their trick runs.

11. World Calendar

DA said that there needs to be better coordination the Calendar. WSC needs to be consulted about site decisions. Argentina for example. Remote hotel (45 mins) for Judges.

Suggested that Officials should prepare a brief CV when applying for World events. SF will prepare. End September to invite applications for Argentina.

12. Jump offset

2.1m added plume from binding and rear tip of the ski. Leave as is for now.

13. Record applications

CM said that wrong information is often provided. Judges can be slow to respond so everything takes time. We are getting borderline deviations in record calculations. They process needs to be improved when applications are submitted.

14. Level 1 Exams

Kerry Lee and Sasha Berazouskaya met this week to discuss harmonisation of L1 exams across the World. Discussed European platform. Administrators can see the data. No-one else. PanAm will look at the platform with a view to achieving harmonisation.

15. Single Wire Slalom Courses

Candido advised not to use Surepath with floating courses. Use SplashDrive. Discovered that there are different designs being used for single wire courses. Agreed to consider and come up with a proposal for further discussion.

JA joined the meeting

He Congratulated CM and the Italian Organisers for a very successful World Championships.

He relayed an idea to allow two event skiers into overall. Not considered to be a positive change for Open events.

CM raised the issue about hospitality at world event. He believed that all should be covered. Transportation , 3 meals, room and board. JA said this was the LAO requirements.

GW commented that in some event too many Officials were appointed. Some event didn't need three drivers and three scorers.....and more local officials could be used to help reduce costs.

DG asked JA if the WSC could have more input into the decision making process for selecting organisers. JA agreed.